

Interview Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Jerry A. Lorengo.

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(2) Mr. William Collard.

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Date of Interview: 10/28;11/01,11/02.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 62-70.

Identification of prior art discussed: U.S. Patent No. 5,893,964 to Claveau (hereinafter "Claveau '964") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,308,426 to Claveau (hereinafter "Claveau '426").

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The Examiner contacted Mr. Collard in response to the amendments and arguments filed August 24, 2004. In that amendment, claim 62 had been amended to disclose a "substantially gas tight transfer support." The Examiner indicated that it was his position that this phrase was not enabled by the original disclosure. The Examiner explained that the instant specification was enabling for a "transfer support"; a "gas-tight thermoformable transfer support"; and a "transfer support realized from polyvinyl alcohol . . . which is gas-tight and thermoformable." Mr. Collard, in subsequent conversations, then suggested amending the transition phrasing of claims 62 and 70 to "consisting of" and reciting only a "transfer support." He also proposed adding additional claims with alternative transition phrasing and transfer support embodiments. The Examiner indicated that he would consider these changes when submitted as a supplemental amendment but that the new claims would be considered in light of a further search.